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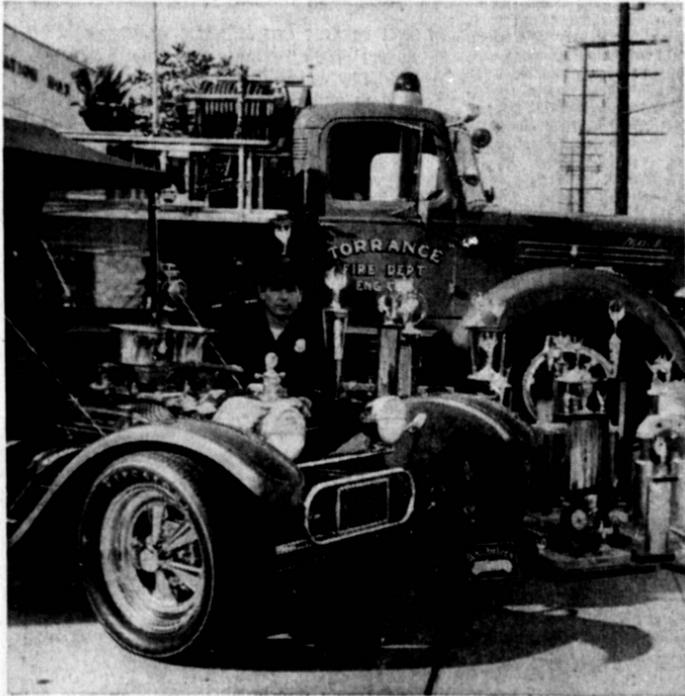
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**A WINNER . . .** Torrance fireman Ron Power displays a few of the trophies he has collected in competition throughout the nation with his Hot Rod, the only one of its kind in the nation. Powers most recently won third place in NCCCA competition, including a trip to Acapulco, Mexico. The car has netted Powers a total of 28 trophies, including seven sweepstakes awards. Powers started with a plastic body from a 1923 Model T Ford and manufactured the frame and tubing, then added a Chevrolet 301-cubic-inch engine and automatic transmission. The vehicle has a stake bed. The car has been featured in national publications. (Press-Herald Photo)

# Student Protest at El Camino Fizzles

## Protest Group Fails in Bid For Audience

An attempt to take over a student-faculty convocation at El Camino College Thursday fizzled when most of the 1,800 students present at the meeting walked out.

Dissident students made their move while Dr. Dave Martin, a USC professor, was speaking on "The Role of the Junior College in the Urban Crisis." The speaker was heckled by a young woman in the audience several times. The coed then jumped onto the stage along with a young man, identified as Roger Hastings, who began speaking through a bullhorn.

AT ONE POINT in the proceedings, Dr. Martin told the group, "Shut up . . . I'm doing my thing. Why can't you let me?"

When the dissident group became involved in presenting a list of 10 demands, Dr. Martin walked off the stage.

Most of the audience — one observer estimated about 90 percent — then left the auditorium.

"I think we blew it," one member of the dissident group was quoted later. The young man, a student at El Camino, said the group's purpose was to let students on the campus "know how we felt."

"I'm against racism," the young man said, "but we didn't give Martin the chance to talk."

MOST OF the members of the dissident group refused to identify themselves, "because we're afraid of what the administration will call a conspiracy."

The demands presented by the student group included a call for the resignation of Dr. Stuart Marsee, president of the college, and for the creation of a permanent, credit course on "White Racism."

Other demands included lifting restrictions on campus publications, creation of a faculty

body to review all matters related to curriculum, and changes in college attendance boundaries to bring "a more equitable portion of ethnic groups" onto the campus.

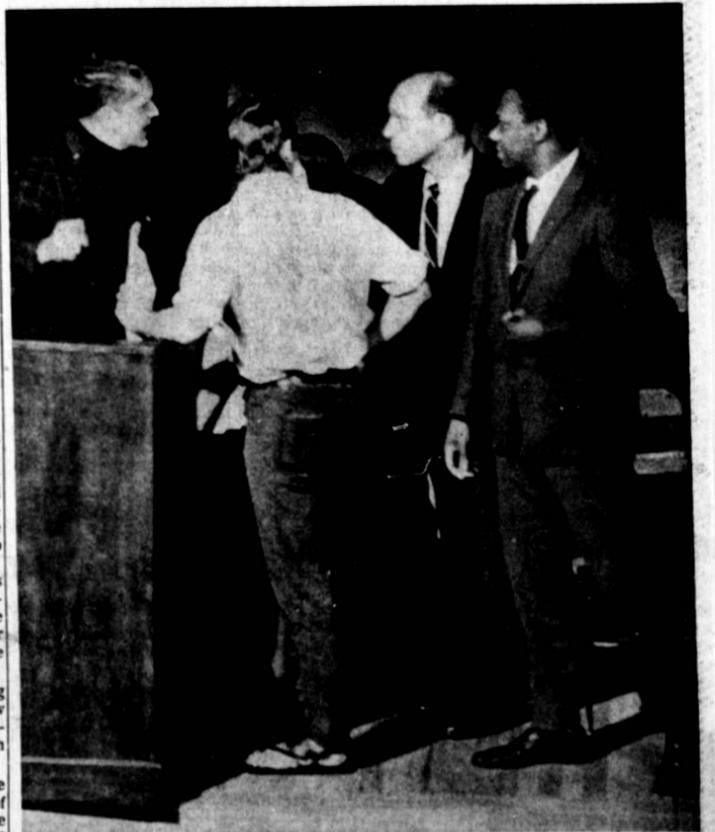
THE PROTESTING students also called for creation of a committee to review all textbooks. That committee should be composed of faculty members and students chosen by the Black Student Union, the group said.

An observer on the campus said about 10 students were involved in the attempt to take over the convocation. Another 10 to 20 were "in favor" of the move, it was reported.

There was no violence during the brief confrontation. A few students remained in the auditorium to debate the issue with Hastings, who took the podium.

Lights were turned out in the auditorium and the volume of music being piped into the building was increased about 15 minutes after the disturbance.

One student on the campus described the brief affair as "an extreme case of rudeness."



**CONFRONTATION . . .** This picture was taken just moments after dissident students moved onto the stage during a student-faculty convocation at El Camino College about noon yesterday. Shown (from left) are Dr. Dave Martin, who was speaking at the time; Roger Hastings (with back to camera), one of the leaders of the dissident students; Dr. Wallace Cohen of El Camino College; and Nathaniel Jackson, who was participating in the convocation. Most of the 1,800 students attending the event walked out of the auditorium after the protest group seized the stage and began presenting a list of 10 demands on college officials. There was no violence.

## Juvenile Court

# Council Hits Plan To Relocate Court

A plan to relocate the Juvenile Court from Torrance to Inglewood has met with strong protests from the Torrance Community Coordinating Council.

In a letter to Alfred J. McCourtney, presiding judge of the Juvenile Court, Mrs. Patricia O'Betz, president of the Coordinating Council, said the

plan would increase the hardship on area citizens.

"The present location of the court is ideal," Mrs. O'Betz said, pointing out it is located near the offices of the county's Probation Department, the Juvenile Traffic Court, Municipal and Superior courts, and the District Attorney's offices here.

"THIS PLANNED move will create once again the many problems that faced policemen, victims, witnesses, juveniles and their families when they were required to travel . . . to Los Angeles," Mrs. O'Betz wrote.

"One of the big problems facing successful presentation of cases in court today is the tremendous inconvenience that witnesses are subjected to in the form of delays and continuances."

"THE MOVING of the court from the activity hub of the

South Bay will create further hardship on the citizens of Torrance and surrounding areas," Mrs. O'Betz said.

She called for the addition of a second referee to the present Juvenile Court staff here and for the retention of the court in Torrance.

Copies of the letter were sent to Torrance city officials and to officials in surrounding cities asking for support for the Coordinating position.

## Burglars Take Office Machines

Office machines valued at more than \$1,800 were taken from Vel's-Parnelli Jones Ford, 20900 Hawthorne Blvd., sometime Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. Police said the burglars entered the firm through a sliding glass door which apparently had been left unlocked.

## Teachers' Seminar Planned

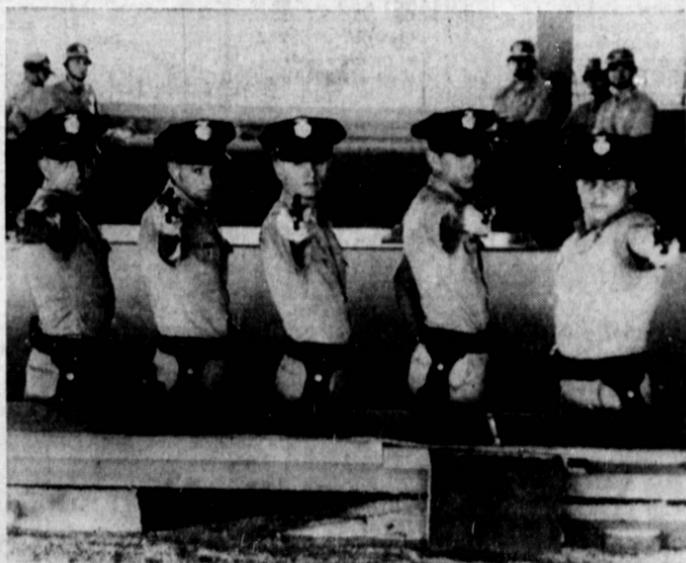
Mrs. Phyllis Schmidt, art expert and specialist on teaching the mentally retarded, will lead a workshop on teaching art to the special education student for Torrance teachers Thursday, Dec. 19.

Together with her husband, Dr. Alfred Schmidt, professor of special education at California State College at Long Beach, Mrs. Schmidt set up the first program for elementary school mentally retarded youngsters in Central Illinois in 1951.

Since that time, she and her husband have collaborated on numerous films and publications pertaining to the field of special education.

FOR THE past four years she has been department chairman and coordinator of the program for the educable mentally retarded at Artesia High School in the ABC Unified School District. She helped establish that district as a laboratory school for California State College at Long Beach. In addition, she suggested and implemented a summer program for retarded youngsters, wrote a work experience curriculum guide for retarded students, and recently had an article on "Creativity" published by Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

A resident of Long Beach, Mrs. Schmidt was instrumental in organizing that city's Friends of the Library, the Friends of the Long Beach Museum of Art, and the Fine Arts Affiliates of California State College at Long Beach.



**CRACK SHOTS . . .** Learning to use firearms with deadly accuracy was part of a 16-week training course at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy for Torrance Police cadets (from left) Philip Bendik, James Cook, Thomas Guthrie, Robert Goebel, and Gilbert Kranke. The five cadets joined the Torrance department following graduation ceremonies at the Academy. The rigorous training course stressed human understanding and community relations as well as routine police skills.

## Entries Due by Dec. 21

Plans for the annual citywide Christmas Lighting contest were announced here today by the Torrance Jaycees, sponsors of the annual event.

The contest is open to all homeowners in the city, according to Dennis Kirk, chairman of the contest for the Jaycees.

Entries will be accepted through Dec. 21, Kirk said. Two divisions will be open. They include a religious division and a novelty division.

Judging is scheduled for the evening of Dec. 22 and winners will be announced Dec. 23.

First- and second-place winners in each division will receive trophies. In addition, they will be honored at a dinner meeting of the Jaycees early next year.

An entry form is reprinted in today's editions of the Press-Herald. The form, which appears on Page A-2, should be clipped, completed, and mailed to the Jaycees prior to the Dec. 21 deadline.

## Armed Men Hit Bank, Three Markets in City

More than \$1,400 was taken by armed bandits in five separate robberies here during the week.

Latest of the five robberies occurred shortly after 12:30 p.m. Thursday when a man walked into the First Western Bank, 2385 Hawthorne Blvd., and ordered a teller to "fill the bag" with money.

The bandit left the bank through a rear door after taking an undetermined amount of cash. He was last seen getting into a car parked on a street at the rear of the bank.

CORK Liquor Store, 18107 Crenshaw Blvd., was robbed of \$350 about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday by a man armed with an automatic handgun. The bandit, who had long blond hair and sideburns, forced the clerk on duty into a back room, then fled on foot. He was last seen running west on 181st Street, police said.

A North Torrance market was robbed of \$564 earlier Wednesday. John F. Irgens, of Better Foods Markets at 16920 Prairie Ave., told police a man bought a box of laundry soap and then

pulled a gun as he waited for his change.

The gunman ordered the clerk to put all the money from the cash register into a bag with the laundry soap, then left the store. He was about 20 years old, Irgens told police.

A SECOND market, located at 2517 W. Carson St., was robbed of \$379 by a man in his late

20s or early 30s about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. The bandit displayed a gun and ordered the clerk

to "Get a sack, open the drawer, and get the money. If you think this isn't for real, just try me," he warned.

A gunman also robbed a third market late Tuesday evening, escaping with \$50 in cash. The market is located at 23044 Crenshaw Blvd.

## Phone Santa Lines Open Wednesday

Torrance's direct lines to the North Pole will open Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. with volunteer Santas from throughout the community manning the telephones.

Youngsters throughout the city will be able to talk directly to Santa Claus by calling:

**320-7660**

A total of nine lines will be opened to the North Pole, officials coordinating the program said. That means an addition of three lines over the six in service last year. More than 7,000 youngsters called Santa during the 1967 program.

Lines will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

City Councilmen, firemen, police officers, school officials, local businessmen and telephone company executives will take turns answering the telephone calls this year.



## Cancel Meeting

Torrance City Councilmen have cancelled their regular Tuesday meeting for next week. The next session of the council is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17.